Region 4 RAC Providers Subcommittee Meeting and Combined RAC and R4 MH Board Meeting Minutes July 10, 2013

Sharon Burke, Teri Carrigan, Melanie Curtis, Anissa Derrick, Greg Dickerson, Suzette Driscoll, Lori Farrens, Beth Fortuna, LaDessa Foster, Vern Garrett, Dennis Hardziej, Amy Jeppesen, Sandy Jones, Kim Keys, Jim Meldrum, Terry Pappin, John Reeves, Darren Richman, Chris Saunders, Kathy Skippen, Thomas Long from SAMHSA, Delanie Valentine and Region 4 staff, Laura Thomas

RAC Providers Subcommittee was called to order at 8:50 a.m. by Chair Darren Richman

Agency Updates

IDJC – Sharon Burke shared a report (attached) on expenditures through April of 2013 and statistics on number of youths in treatment per region for the same time period.

H&W – Kathy Skippen joyfully shared that DHW is entering the new fiscal year with their entire budget intact – no overspend from a previous year to adjust as the new fiscal year starts.

She noted that the Department is meeting with Optum and is trying to represent partners and providers in conversations. They have suggested that Optum have meetings with partners and providers. Inperson meetings are set up for the week of July 22-26, 2013 at Optum's new office location in Meridian. Partners will be attending some of the meetings currently set up, and it will be suggested to Optum during these meetings that they arrange to meet with provider representatives at a later date. Topics at the meetings will include WITS, GAIN, and coverage of services. Optum has hired Martha Eckhoff (formerly of Office of Families and Consumers) as their Peer Support Director and Becky diVittorio (formerly COO of BPA) as their Idaho Optum Director.

The Recovery Coach Training was successful – 47 coaches trained and 15 of those also trained as trainers. Response has been enthusiastic. Kathy is working with state purchasing system to do a RFQ (Request for Quote) to further develop a Recovery Oriented System of Care for Idaho. Specific services being sought from a contractor would be recovery coach ethics training, a tour of existing community recovery centers, more trainings to train recovery coach trainers and technical assistance in building a recovery community organization that would cover an organization that covered from the state level to the community level. Once a contractor is in place more details will be announced.

Kathy noted that at the last NASADAD meeting it was clear that health care reform is the overriding issue most areas of the country are working on and toward. Her sense is that change is coming and being prepared is the best approach.

The management services contract is out and therefore not much can be said. BPA was the only respondent; negotiations are ongoing.

A general question about the ASAM V implementation October 1 and changes to care plans and other aspects of clinical care was posed. No specific information on how it will effect providers on that date was available.

Kathy introduced Thomas Long, SAMHSA field staff visiting from Washington, D.C. Thomas shared that a series of virtual meetings with state staff will be held on a variety of health care issues such as: Planning for new populations served under Medicaid Expansion, Business Capacity and Sustainability, Primary Health and Behavioral Health Integration. When asked about this integration, he acknowledged that it will not happen overnight and will require time to implement.

Thomas is willing to help find answers to questions and requested those questions be sent to Kathy Skippen; she will collect and forward to him.

IDOC – Jim Meldrum is the new SUD coordinator and is three days into his new position. He is from the Rexburg area and has 15 years' experience as a Drug and Alcohol treatment provider. The group welcomed Jim. A request for budget information for IDOC's end of year and client status was requested as many providers do not see clients entering into treatment. Jim will look into the situation.

A general question was raised about the impact of IDAPA rule changes the require merging treatment and service plans. Providers are looking for guidance.

Kathy shared that the IDAPA rules regarding background checks will be recommended for change (must be approved by the DHW board and the Legislature, so information here is preliminary). In addition to proposed changes in disqualifying crimes and timeframes, there will also be a proposed method for someone who has been disqualified to make an appeal to a review board as a means of getting a waiver for the denial. When the exact wording of the proposed changes is known it will part of the public comment process. One question about SUD-related crimes that are currently not addressed in specific detail was raised. The information will be set to Kathy for review.

The provider subcommittee will meet in August with date, time and location to be determined.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

Combined RAC and Mental Health Board Meeting

Stephanie Alvarez, Sharon Burke, Beth Baker, Mariloyn Baughman, Jennifer Burlage, Teri Carrigan, Judi Corlett, Melanie Curtis, Anissa Derrick, Greg Dickerson, Suzette Driscoll, Lori Farrens, Beth Fortuna, LaDessa Foster, Vern Garrett, Steve Graci, Kenny Gray, Dennis Hardziej, Robin Hausheer, Amy Jeppesen, Sandy Jones, Kim Keys, Jim Meldrum, Rhea Morrison, Greg Munson, Terry Pappin, John Reeves, Shelley Reeter, Darren Richman, Chris Saunders, Laura Senderowicz, Kathy Skippen, Christina Smith, Thomas Long from SAMHSA, Debbie Thomas, Delanie Valentine, Michele Wilson, Tara Wright, Jennifer Yturriondobeitia and Region 4 staff, Laura Thomas

Meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m. Mtn time by RAC Chair Darren Richman and MH Chair Greg Dickerson

Quick introductions were made by all in attendance.

The draft agenda and combined meeting minutes from the May 8, 2013 were approved (no corrections received).

Thomas Long from SAMHSA, the SUD Block Grant field officer for Idaho, was introduced. Thomas explained his visit was to observed and answer questions about the block grant administration. He would forward questions on other areas of SUDS and MH to others at SAMHSA to respond.

One question was asked about the implementation of the DMS V and timelines for implementing the changes. More information should be coming out on the adoption of the changes and how it affects clinical practice and treatment plans.

Transformation work group update: The group has had two meetings – one organizational and one to start reviewing documents. Next meeting is Thursday July 11 – tomorrow. Ideas are being generated and discussed to see how a grassroots, bottom up approach might work for:

- 1) Combing of boards
- 2) Service Delivery

Expect more information at the September meeting. The group plans to be finished with their work by then.

Children's Mental Health subcommittee - a meeting was held yesterday. The working group for children's mental health awareness week has a meeting scheduled for July 30 at 8:30 am in Room 131 in Region 4 offices at Westgate. All are welcome; purpose is to start planning for 2014 activities. The committee has also been working on the report to submit to the MH board. At their next meeting, (Tuesday, August 12, 8:30 am Room 131 at Region 4, Westgate offices) each agency will bring a summary of the data that has been presented and draft interpretation for combining into a single report. Efforts are being made to identify data from all counties in Region 4.

Greg Dickerson reported the outcome of the request to have a meeting prior to September 1, 2013 with Optum. This idea was shared with other RAC and MH chairs across the state and all were interested. The CRDSs have set up the video conference equipment and rooms in each region (as large as possible to accommodate as many people as possible) for August 21, 2013 from 9 am to noon mountain time. We have not received a confirmation from Optum yet that this will work for their schedules. The consensus of the group was to meet with other regions by video conference even if Optum does not present. Post meeting update – Optum is confirmed to present at this August 21, 2013 video conference – the Boise location will be room 131 at Region 4 Offices at the Westgate campus.

Networking Updates

Melanie Curtis from SHIP distributed cards on the 3rd annual Community Information Resource Fair – this event is for those with services for offenders, on September 18 at the Vineyard. New this year, 4 45-minute education sessions. Topics include: ReEntry (IDOC); Jail to Community (ACSO); Trauma Informed Care (Amy Jeppesen) and Recovery Coaching (SHIP).

Melanie also reported that Connect the Pieces has their K-6 Rx Drug Safety app completed and will be doing education with area school children and parents.

Next meetings:

RAC Providers Subcommittee sometime in August – date, time and location TBD

CMH subcommittee working group on Awareness Week – July 30 8:30 at Region 4, Room 131

CMH subcommittee, August 12 and September 10, 8:30 at Region 4, Room 131

MH Board, August 12, noon to 2 pm at ACSO building #1

Combined RAC and MH board, September 11, 2013 in Building #3 at ACSO 8:45 – 9:45 RAC Providers Subcommittee 10:00 to Noon Full RAC and MH Board Combined meeting

Meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.